



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ANTHONY YOUNG**



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**It is unfortunate that this city, not unlike other cities, has at least one individual who abuses their public trust and public funded position to prey on their fellow citizens and employees. I am deeply disappointed in the alleged actions taken by a city employee to steal the identities of at least (4) people for her own economic gain.**

On Thursday, January 12, 2006, a City employee was arrested for mail theft, forgery, identity theft and computer related crimes. The employee is alleged to have used her position as a City employee to access the water billing system to obtain customers' personal identifying information. The San Diego Police Department believes that the City-related identity theft crimes were limited to four victims. All known victims have been notified. While it is believed that the breach was limited to a very small number of individuals, all City Water Department customers are being notified of this security breach. Mayor Sanders has directed the appropriate City departments to put in place remediation plans to prevent these kinds of breaches in the future. I applaud and support him for his swift action.

There are steps that you can take to help protect your credit. First, place a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making changes to your existing accounts. By calling the three credit bureaus, consumers can flag their files for 90 days. The contact information for the three major credit bureaus is as follows:

Transunion 1-800-680-7289 [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

Experian 1-800-397-3742 [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

Equifax 1-800-525-6285 [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

In addition, you should check your credit reports at least once a year. You should look for unfamiliar accounts or activity. The law allows consumers to order a free annual credit report from each of the three credit bureaus listed above.

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**Again, I am honored and excited about the continuing confidence the Mayor and Council demonstrate in me, my office, and the residents of the 4<sup>th</sup> District by appointing me to several boards and commissions.**

Today the Council voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Mayor and Council President Scott Peters to appoint me to represent the City and Council on the following: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority; San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board; City-County Reinvestment Task Force; San Diego Association of Governments-Public Safety Committee; San Diego Workforce Partnership; San Diego Regional Airport Authority; Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies; and the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation.

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**The Council was faced with a tough decision on Tuesday.** In responding to the Mayor's request to continue funding the Audit Committee, we had a choice of continuing to fund the audit investigation or stop funding the investigation and face at least three more years of not getting a financial audit and not having the ability to fund and build such needed buildings as community libraries, fire stations and other capital projects that support the quality of life of San Diego residents. We did what was in the best interest of the City and funded the Audit Committee so that it can complete its work. I asked the Mayor (and he agreed) to ensure that the Committee focuses its work on completing the audit investigation and not engage in unnecessary efforts that are perceived by the public and the Council as public relations and not investigative work. This week-end we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and I took great comfort in his words as I cast my vote to support the Mayor's request. **Dr. King stated "Every step toward a goal... requires sacrifices, suffering, and struggle... This is not a time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."** These are words to live by as we move towards getting us out of this \$400 million+ pension mess we find ourselves in.

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**As you know, supporting the positive efforts of our youth is a top priority for me.**

Roosevelt Williams III, a college intern on my staff, is a proud member of the College Career Club Network (CCCN). This outstanding club is comprised of high-achieving scholars that graduated from the 21st Century Youth Leadership Team. Members of CCCN attend schools from as far away as Spain, several states on the east coast, and Hawaii. Members must display positive behavior, be goal oriented, and possess a strong desire to assist their peers, their community and their country. Roosevelt can be contacted in my office at 236-6644 if you want more information CCCN.

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**The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department offers career preparation presentations about the following public safety careers: Firefighter, Paramedic, Lifeguard, and EMT.**

Although the presentations are geared toward public safety careers, the information covered is applicable to anyone interested in competing in the job market. I join the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department in welcoming the opportunity to present information about how to get started and prepare for these challenging and rewarding careers. Please contact Rob Lange at (619) 692-4871 for additional information and to schedule a presentation for your school, organization or group.

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**Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m, the NAACP San Diego Branch will be hosting its Annual Freedom Fund Dinner.** Please come and join with them as they honor such outstanding community organizations as Black Men United, Center For Parent Involvement in Education and Pazzaz. Please call (619) 253-7823 or (619) 702-0800 for additional information and to reserve your seat.

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**I will be making my State of the 4<sup>th</sup> District address on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Educational Cultural Complex and include a reception held after the State of the District address.** I look forward to you joining me.

**Again, my thanks go out to you for supporting me in my efforts to make this City and the 4<sup>th</sup> District a better place to live, work, and raise a family**

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Thank you for reading my E-mail Message for The Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at [anthonyyoung@sanidiego.gov](mailto:anthonyyoung@sanidiego.gov).

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